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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO REGIONAL MEETING

REF: A. CANBERRA 3910; B. PARIS 19224

1. SUMMARY. NEW ZEALAND DOES NOT SHARE AUSTRALIAN HESITATION IN SEEKING FULL MEMBERSHIP IN FORTHCOMING JAKARTA UNESCO REGIONAL MEETING. AT PRESENT GNZ IS ATTEMPTING COORDINATED APPROACH WITH GOA IN ATMOSPHERE DESCRIBED AS QUOTE TOTAL CONFUSION UNQUOTE. GNZ INCLINATION IS TO PUSH FORWARD ALONE IF GOA CONTINUES TO CRAWDAD. GOA NOT PRESENTLY AWARE OF THIS PROSPECT. END SUMMARY.

2. DAVID MCDOWELL, HEAD UN DIV, MFA, DESCRIBES PRESENT STATE OF PLAY REGARDING GNZ/GOA FULL PARTICIPATION IN FORTHCOMING JAKARTA UNESCO REGIONAL MEETING AS QUOTE TOTAL CONFUSION UNQUOTE. CANADA APPARENTLY IS SEEKING TO LEARN FROM UNESCO WHETHER ATTENDANCE AT THESE REGIONAL MEETINGS REALLY NEEDED TO ESTABLISH PRECEDENT AND ASKING FOR REVIEW OF ENTIRE QUESTION AND THIS CAUSING SOME FOOTDRAGGING WHILE

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3. MCDOWELL BELIEVES AUSTRALIAN VACILLATION DUE MORE TO FEAR THIS EXERCISE MIGHT AFFECT HER CANDIDACY FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD THAN CONCERN OVER EFFECT ON PROSPECTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ASIAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

4. IN ANY CASE, NEW ZEALAND IS PROCEEDING FROM DIFFERENT BASES AND WHILE, AT THE MOMENT, GNZ IS TRYING TO MOVE IN CONCERT AND IS CLEARING HER ACTIONS WITH GOA, THE INCLINATION IS QUOTE FAIRLY STRONG UNQUOTE TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP ALONE IF AUSTRALIA DOES NOT COOPERATE.

5. MCDOWELL CAUTIONED THAT GOA NOT YET AWARE OF THIS THINKING BY GNZ.
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